



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78558

Katsumi OKAMOTO

Appln. No.: 10/717,185

Group Art Unit: 2852

Confirmation No.: 5971

Examiner: Ryan M. GLEITZ

Filed: November 19, 2003

For:

DEVELOPER CARRIER, DEVELOPING DEVICE, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

AND COMPUTER SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action dated October 17, 2005 and particularly to the election / restriction requirements therein.

Pursuant thereto, Applicant elects, without traverse, the invention designated by Group I, inclusive of claims 16, 23-26 drawn to a developing device having a varied deflection amount, classified in class 399, subclass 258.

It is respectfully requested that examination of the above application proceed on the basis of the election which has been made.

Respectfully submitted,

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC

Telephone: (202) 293-7060

Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: November 17, 2005

Laura Moskowitz

Registration No. 55,470